TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF WAR LAWS.

DECEMBER 7, 1920.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Volstead, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. J. Res. 382.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, having had under consideration H. J. Res. 382, a resolution declaring that certain acts of Congress, resolutions, and proclamations shall be construed as if the present war had ended, beg leave to recommend an amendment, and that as amended it do pass.

In line 18, page 2, after the words "Liberty loan act," insert the following language: "The War Finance Corporation act as amended

by the act approved March 3, 1919."

It is apparent that though actual hostilities have ceased in the war with Germany and her allies, no peace treaty or other official action terminating the existing state of war can be secured for several months. There is no probability that hostilities will be resumed, and as there exists a number of statutes designed to aid in carrying on actual war that confer extraordinary powers, many of them not only unnecessary but a burden and menace, it is believed that this resolution should pass.